



**MORROW
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Kids' Club Kick-Off, Sept 11

**Kid's Club Kick-Off
Sunday, September 11
5 – 7 p.m.**

All children ages 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to start coming on Sunday nights from 5-7 p.m. for singing, Bible study, recreation, and food. **On Sunday, September 11, we will have WET NIGHT!** Wear your bathing suit under your clothes and bring a towel.

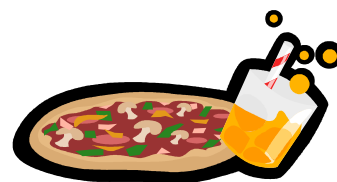


Youth Fall Kick-Off -Aug 14

**Youth Fall Kick-Off
Sunday, August 14
5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**

The Campbell's Home & Pool
3493 Overland Court, Ellenwood
770-960-1145

Bring your swimsuits and towel.
Pizza, Drinks, and Dessert provided.



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The Pastor's Pen



Years ago I visited my Uncle Bill and Aunt Vivian at their home outside of Meadville, PA. We were driving to a pottery store – my uncle is a potter – and we passed a small, gray, dilapidated church on the right side. My aunt asked, “John, do you know the story of that church?” and I said no. She said that in the mid-1960s my uncle wanted to purchase it when the members put it up for sale. They wanted \$1200, which included all the acreage. My uncle found the money, but the people in the area disallowed the sale. You see, they refused to have a hippie in their midst. In the mid-1960s my uncle’s hair was rather long. The people were going to make sure that the so-called hippie would have nothing to do with them. They blocked the purchase and another man stepped in, someone who was well-known.

For the next 25-30 years, that man, a so-called non-hippie, turned the property into an ugly junkyard. He cared not to keep the building nice, which my uncle would have done because he is an artist who enjoys beauty. He had no respect for what the property once symbolized, which my uncle would have had because he respects such things as a man of faith. The other man turned something beautiful into an eyesore. When we passed that former church, it was falling apart and quite unlivable. Rusted cars and dented refrigerators amid wild grass littered the front lawn. The people of the area had to live with their decision, because they judged my uncle by his outward appearance.


Sadly, we do this too often. We see the way a teenager dresses and make snap judgments. We look at the color of someone’s skin and immediately feel uneasy. We listen to how someone talks and decide whether we should associate with that person or not. Sadly, we refuse to view people as God does, not looking at the outside but viewing what’s inside.

One of the classic passages in the Bible about judging others can be found in 1 Samuel 16. God called Samuel to find a king for Israel. Samuel wanted to find the perfect man, yet God said, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart” (16:7). With that, David was chosen to be king, despite being short and the youngest of several strapping brothers.

God looks to our hearts and minds to find what is right or wrong. God then imparts his love and grace in order to replace our sin with his righteousness (see Psalm 139:23-24). That’s how God wants us to view others. Granted we might not act or think the same way, but we ought to view people by their intentions and the fruit they bear. When we do, we should then find ways to get to know them better. We should love and support them in times of need. By seeing what is inside someone’s heart, we may find new friends, partners in ministry, people just like us who need the love of God.

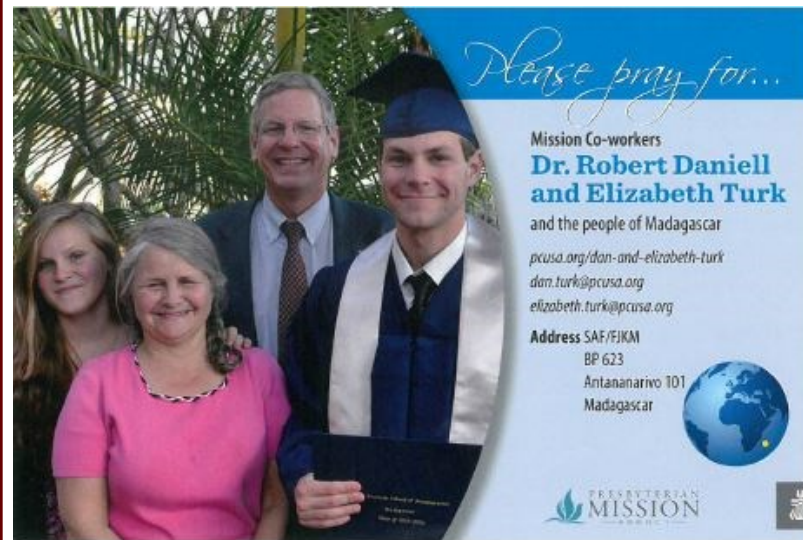
If those shortsighted people near that small, gray, dilapidated church would have looked beyond my uncle’s “hippie-ness,” they would have discovered a man who could have beautified the place with striking art. They would have been proud to sell their beloved church to a man who respects what they used to have. They definitely would have had more than what they have today.

Peace in Christ,


Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Family of Gordon Richardson, Walter Howie & family (death of nephew), Corey Costa, Ruth Batchelor, Carol Bevil, Jo Bevil, Jeff Blanton, Frank Bradley, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Allene Brown, Susan Brown, Dr. Todd Bruno, Mary Butler, Rey Cabayan, Grace Cabrera, Betty Colwell, Tanya Costa, Rita Coughlin, Felix Cruz, Ilona Dorsey, Lei Eason, Sherrie Esquivel, Alma Evans, Will Felt, Jessica Giddens, Ruth Ginsberg, Wayne Goza, Rev. Penny Hill, Charles Hoequist, Kissa Howard, Laura Howard, Otisha Howell, Jeanine Jenkins & her sister Wanda, Charlie Johnson, Jim LeDuke, Leah Lipps, Missy Luce, Noli Luna, Maliki Marshall, Julia McLeod, Jeannell McElrath, Linda Morgan, Grandma & Grandpa Moriles, David & Faye Moss, John Mullane, Nan Norton, Oba Odu, Michelle Oswald, Janice Palmer, Breckin Parton, Destiny Perry, John Popovich, Beverly Pruett, Kenneth Roberts, Sr., Gary Robinson, Keith Stanley, Margaret Strelsky, Ann Thornton, Bill Thraikill, the country of Venezuela, Eddy Wheeler, Terry & Margie Williams, Susan Wolpin. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** – Mission Haven. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; SGT Kevin **Brown**, Army—Afghanistan; CPL Jaime **Brown**, Army, KS; Jeremy **Butler** – Marines; Joseph **Eason** – deployed to Iraq, PFC Najee **Hall**, Army, CA; Kevin **Krebs**, AK; SSG Richard **Venzelos** – Air Force, CO.



Our Missionaries

Serving in partnership with the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM), Dan and Elizabeth work to improve the lives of the Malagasy people. Elizabeth trains village health workers, helps communities develop safe drinking water sources, and educates church leaders and youth about AIDS prevention. Dan has helped the FJKM develop and extensive fruit tree program that includes a fruit tree nursery and extension work with farmers. He also does environmental education, helping people live in harmony with God's creation. The Turks say that meeting needs in Christ's name demonstrates how much God loves them.

Presbyterian Women



PWCT, August 7, 12:30 p.m.— The next PWCT meeting will be on Sunday, August 7, at 12:30 p.m. in the Pacer's classroom.

Virginia Dews Circle, August 8, 6:30 p.m.—The Virginia Dews Circle will meet on August 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacer's classroom. Light refreshments will be provided by Libby McNair. Judy Chapman will have the devotion. Their Bible study will be presented by Suzanne Lukat. If you have your bottle of money ready to turn in for the PWCT Water Project, please bring it to the meeting so the amounts can be credited to the Virginia Dews Circle.

Dorcas Circle—August 9, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet at the church on August 9 at 10:00 a.m. Salad lunch. Devotion: Marilyn Mitchell; Bible Study: Suzanne Lukat

Morning Glory Circle— August 28, 9:30 a.m. The Morning Glory Circle will continue in their Bible study using the book, "The Armor of God," by Priscilla Shirer. They will review *The Breastplate of Righteousness* and watch the DVD for *The Shoes of Peace*.

Clean Water Total —\$ 819.78

Young at Heart, Monastery Trip, August 24, 9:30 a.m.



Young at Heart to Monastery, August 24, 9:30 a.m. The Young at Heart will be going to the Monastery in Conyers on Wednesday, August 24. They will carpool from the church at 9:30 a.m. Cost will be \$10, plus your lunch. On **September 19-21**, the YAH will be going to Fall Jubilee in Gatlinburg, TN. See Ken Campbell if you are interested in going.

Prayer for Schools

back to
School



On Sunday, July 31, we prayed for all of our schools - Pre-K through College during the morning worship hour. As school resumes for the 2016-2017 year, the congregation is asked to keep all of our students, teachers, and employees in your prayers as they work hard and deal with different, and sometimes difficult situations. Our congregation is widely spread over several counties and our children attend many different schools. Please keep the following schools in your prayers during this next year:

Albany State University, Brenau University, Clayton State University, Frederick Community College, Georgia College & State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia Southern University, Georgia State University, Mercer University, Presbyterian College, Southern Polytechnic/Kennesaw, Toccoa Falls College, University of Georgia, University of West Georgia, Valdosta State University, Community Christian School, Elite Scholar School, Forest Park High School, Fulton County School Systems, Luella High School, M. E. Stilwell School of the Arts, Morrow High School, Northgate High School, Riverdale High School, Sandy Creek High School, Spalding High School, Union Grove High School, Woodland High School, Babb Middle School, Hope Academy, M. D. Roberts Middle School, Morrow Middle School, Stockbridge Middle School, B. C. Haynie Elementary School, Brown Elementary School, Eastlake Elementary School, Flippen Elementary School, Lovin Elementary, Mainstay Academy, Red Oak Elementary School, Rising Star Montessori School, Snappinger Elementary School, Thurgood Marshall Elementary School, Unidos Dual Language Center, Clayton County Head-start, and Future Leaders Christian Academy. How wonderful and important to cover our schools in prayer and pray for God's protection and guidance!

Thank You Note

Thank you

From Grandma

Moriles ... Dear Church Family, Thank you very much for all of the cards, prayers, calls, and food when I am sick. Thank you for

continuing to support the Uptown Church through your donations. They are building a new center. I am thankful to the Lord that I am blessed with such a good relationship with my church family.

From Maria Cruz, Deborah Venzelos, and Dianne Hooten... A HUGE thank-you to everyone who helped make VBS the tremendous success that it was! We had over 100 participants and a whole lot of fun!

Lost & Found



If you think you might be missing a coat, clothing item, piece of jewelry, umbrella, shoes, etc., please check our lost and found. We have an abundance of found items. The Lost & Found is located in the hallway between the narthex and the parlor.



IT IS TIME TO PACK FOOD AGAIN!

WHERE? Morrow Presbyterian Church

WHEN? Saturday, August 6 @ 8:30am

WHAT? Packing over 10,000 bags of food, feeding over 60,000

people

WHO? YOU! We need you to join us



Please bring a breakfast item (muffins, bagels, donuts, orange juice, etc.) to share with all of our guests from the Baptist and Methodist churches.